

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-2 and 10-13, drawn to *in vitro* methods for activating or preparing activated NK cells; and

Group II, claims 3-9 and 14, drawn to in vivo methods for immunostimulating or treating a cancer patient by administering activated NK cells.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claims 3-9 and 14.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Registration No 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: OCT 27 2006 Respectfully submitted,

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